

## GIVE TO FIGHT HEART DISEASE

## RIGHT TO INCREASED WAGES, T. A. L. T. U. U. U.

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Only by keeping purchasing power high can this country sustain full production and forestall a general business recession. Dr. Keyserling declared in the Hotel Astor at a dinner that ended a three-day meeting of

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Suggesting that buying power of workers must increase each year in order to absorb the country's output of goods, the AFL said it would be accomplished "by continued downward adjustment of prices or by raising wages without increasing prices or productivity rises." AFL research workers made public a study of an eastern national retailing chain. They found that the chain had been "hoarding" and exhausting savings to keep abreast of living costs. The items these consumers had to give up included such necessities as food, clothing, refrigerators, radio, furniture, houses and automobiles, now were beyond their reach.

## Wright Urges Conciliation Service Be Returned to Department of Labor

New York City. "The campaign to keep the U. S. Conciliation Service as an independent agency outside the Department of Labor "is a bold attempt to keep the department out of the industrial relations field." Assistant Secretary of Labor, William C. Sullivan, said in a statement. "There was no stoppage when a conciliator was assigned to the case. That record proves that the Conciliation Service operated fairly and effectively in the Department of Labor, with the confidence of management and consumers' increased buying power. Softening-up starts because consumers throughout the country do not have enough money to buy goods in amounts that will keep production and employment at a maximum."

New York City.—The campaign to set up an independent agency outside the Department of Labor is a "bold attempt at industrial relations shift," Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright said today at a press conference after the Algonamated Mass meeting and Dutchess Workmen's Union here.

Before the Conference Service was there was no stoppage when a company had a strike. But now consumers' increased buying power softening-up starts because consumers have more money to buy goods in the market place. They can have employment at a minimum.

Mr. Keyserling said he would not support the plan. He said it was more "labor state" leaders of unionism than labor state leaders of unionism.

"Labor statesman" is a fine sound, but it is not a word that has often been used. It is a word that labor

by the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947, there never was the slightest question raised as to its impartiality. Mr. Wright maintained. He pointed out that even the National Association of Manufacturers and the leaders of the

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"We can raise our living standards and our real wages, which I believe means raising our money wages, year after year," the speaker declared.

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Washington, D. C.—The administration's bill to end filibusters ran into a determined filibuster today, the enactment of any and all legislation by Congress for some time to come.

Over-entrenched and bitter southern Democratic opposition, Senate Republicans' determination to force passage of the new rule against filibusters regardless of how long the battle takes or how serious the consequences may be, and the administration's determination

to force enactment of the bill, all combined to prevent any general lowering of living costs, which would remain at their present level for the rest of the year. Some downward price trends have been reversed in the last two weeks, he asserted.

"The cost of living, which declined 2.5 per cent in 1930, has risen since June of 1930," Mr. Keyserling said, "has shown signs in recent months of a sharp upward trend."

Mr. Keyserling said that the people who are most in need of relief are those who have been hit by the recent drop in prices of raw materials and

Under traditional Senate rules of unlimited debate a small minority has frequently been able to block Congressional action. This has happened in the case of the Truman forces as well.

Because of expected delays from the filibuster, Senate leaders have been forced to revise their time schedule on the bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and no final action is now forecast before May 1.

## McSpedon on Mission to Europe

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN,  
N. Y. Correspondent for AFL Weekly News Service

New York—America's building of the New York State Federation of Labor, and Peter W. Eller, chairman of the board of governors of the New

This record will be submitted by Howard McSpedon, president of the Building and Construction Trades Union, as an example of how only under freedom can real progress be achieved.

As operations chief of the 6th Armored Division in 1944-45, he was responsible for the training of the division for combat and for drafting combat plans. He later served for several years as intelligence chief of the division.

McElpenny was designated by President Truman as a member of a four-man United States delegation to this important conclave. In Rome, Italy, which opens on March 18.

By President Truman is Finley A. Leach, business manager of the Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council.

## RETIREMENT PLAN SET UP FOR RETAIL CLERKS' HELP

Federation of Labor's Retail Clerks International Association and subordinate chartered bodies has been made a part of the international constitution in a general referendum which carried better than 5 to 1.

The union contract with the exchanges expires in the spring and it is hoped that a new one can be negotiated amicably.

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CHAS. MEANT, Secretary-Treasurer

## AFL Asks Million-Dollar Education Fund, Attacks Inadequate Taft Substitute Bill

Washington, D. C.—The Committee on Education of the American Federation of Labor attacked the pending Taft-Thomson bill as "inadequate and ineffectual."

"The Taft-Thomson bill is inadequate in its scope, it does not go far enough to provide for the education of the children of the workers in the most needed fields," said the committee.

The American Federation of Labor will seek to have the bill, reported by the Senate Committee on Education, Public Welfare, and Labor, amended to provide for the education of the children of the workers in the most needed fields, said the committee.

"While we insist that the federal aid must protect the economic stability of the nation, we also insist that the federal aid must protect the economic stability of the nation," said the committee.

The American Federation of Labor, Mr. Taft said, believes that the immediate passage of the bill is essential to the economic stability of the nation.

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## Sec. Tobin Repudiates News Story That Aligned Him Against R.R. Unions

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN  
New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

Conservative, anti-labor day, has been charged by the New York Times with having aligned himself against the railroad unions. Secretary Tobin of the AFL repudiated the story.

"There was the familiar but not the new," said Tobin. "I have no personal interest in the matter and I am not a member of the New York Times."

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## T-H Repeat Bill Approved, Unchanged by Senate Group

### The Girl Scouts Need You!

New York City—The Girl Scouts need you! Specifically, they want the help of adult members, men and women. Adults who have the ability to help in a million and a half girls to become the leaders of the organization's 75th birthday celebration on March 12, is an appeal to men and women as well as an invitation to their children.

"Thousands of Girl Scouts are already being served by Girl Scouts and their adult members," said the Girl Scouts. "We need more adults to help in the work of the organization."

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## Committee Sends Labor Measure to Floor for Debate and Vote

Washington, D. C.—The Taft-Hartley repeal bill successfully surmounted its first major legislative hurdle when it was approved without change by the Senate Labor Committee.

This encouraging action, taken just as the bill was sent to press, sends the measure sponsored by Senator Thomas, the committee chairman, to the Senate for immediate action.

However, immediate action by the Senate is not likely because the filibuster is not a new device. A showdown on the floor is expected within a week.

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## British Marching Toward Recovery

Editor, AFL Weekly News Service

London—Great Britain knows where it is going and it is going to get there. The government is working hard to reach the goal of economic recovery.

This solidarity of purpose and firmness of intention is immediately apparent to the observer who has been exposed to the relatively healthy, untroubled days of the last few months.

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## 500 Yonkers Employees Dismissed For Striking

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## AFL Unions Organizing Chicago Store Workers

Chicago Correspondent of the AFL Weekly News Service

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## Stagehands Union Gets Pay Increase For Nation's Film Exchange Workers

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